

Westminster, 29th March, 1939.

This day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them that *The Lords, authorised by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by His Majesty, for declaring His Royal Assent to the Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read;* and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, do declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to:—

Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Act, 1939.
Cancer Act, 1939.
China (Currency Stabilisation) Act, 1939.

Crown Office,
House of Lords, S.W.1.
28th March, 1939.

Days and places fixed for holding the Spring Assizes, 1939.

NORTHERN CIRCUIT.

Mr. Justice CROOM-JOHNSON.
Mr. Justice STABLE.

Monday, 17th April, at Liverpool.
Monday, 8th May, at Manchester.

NORTH EASTERN CIRCUIT.

Mr. Justice ASQUITH.
Mr. Justice OLIVER.

Tuesday, 2nd May, at Leeds.

RATES OF INTEREST ON LOCAL LOANS.

NOTICE.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that in pursuance of the powers conferred on Them by the Public Works Loans Act, 1897 (60 and 61 Vict. c. 51), the Public Works Loans Act, 1917 (7 and 8 Geo. 5. c. 32), the Public Works Loans Act, 1918 (8 and 9 Geo. 5. c. 27), the Housing Act, 1936 (26 Geo. 5 & 1 Edw. 8. c. 51), and the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1925 (15 Geo. 5. c. 15), as amended by the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1935 (25 & 26 Geo. 5. c. 41), They have been pleased to direct by Their Minute of the 31st March, 1939, that on loans granted from the Local Loans Fund, on and after the 1st April, 1939, there shall be chargeable in lieu of the rates fixed by the Treasury Minute of the 29th December, 1938, the following rates of interest:—

I.—HOUSING LOANS.

	<i>Rate of Interest. Per cent.</i>
(1) Loans to Local Authorities secured on Local Rates for any purpose of the Housing Acts and the Housing (Rural Workers) Acts, 1926 to 1938.	
Any period	3½

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(2) Loans to Housing Associations as defined by the Housing Act, 1936, and the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1935.	
Not exceeding 30 years	3½
Not exceeding 50 years	4½
(3) To Companies and Private Persons limiting their profits to the rate for the time being prescribed.	
Not exceeding 30 years	3½
Not exceeding 40 years	4½
(4) To Companies and private Persons not limiting their profits as aforesaid.	
Not exceeding 30 years	4½
Not exceeding 40 years	4½

II.—OTHER LOANS.

(1) Loans to Local Authorities for any purposes of the Small Holdings and Allotments Acts, 1908 to 1931, and the Allotments Acts, 1908 to 1931.	
Any period	3½
(2) Other Loans secured on Local rates:—	
Not exceeding 30 years	3½
Not exceeding 50 years	4½
(3) Loans not secured on Local rates:—	
(a) Loans under the Harbours and Passing Tolls, etc., Act, 1861:—	
(i) With collateral security:—	
Not exceeding 30 years	3½
Not exceeding 50 years	4½
(ii) Without collateral security:—	
Not exceeding 30 years	4½
Not exceeding 50 years	4½
(b) Other Loans not secured on Local Rates (except Loans to Territorial Associations, which, under Section 6 of the Public Works Loans Act, 1908, bear interest at the rate prescribed for loans on the security of Local Rates):—	
Not exceeding 30 years	4½
Not exceeding 50 years	4½

Treasury Chambers.

TENDERS FOR TREASURY BILLS.

1. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Bill Office, at the Bank of England, on Thursday, the 6th April, 1939, at 1 o'clock, for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Treasury Bills Act, 1877, the National Debt Act, 1889, and the War Loan Acts, 1914-1919, to the amount of £35,000,000.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £5,000 or £10,000. They will be dated at the option of the Tenderer on any business day from Tuesday, the 11th April, 1939, to Saturday, the 15th April, 1939, inclusive, and will be payable at three months after date.

3. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.